- 6. A prosthesis joint device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said first and second component present wholly metallic construction, and said third component is wholly constructed of plastic material.
- 14. A method, as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the measurement of the gap between the cut of the first bone segment and the component of the prosthesis device of the second bone segment is performed by inserting an element with calibrated thickness having a planar upper surface able to be associated to the cut of the first bone segment and a curved lower surface conforming to the articulation surface of the component of the prosthesis device able to be associated to the second bone segment.
- 15. A method, as claimed claim 10, characterized in that the measurement of the gap interposed between the components of the prosthesis device implanted in the bone segments is performed by inserting an element with the calibrated thickness having a curved concave upper surface able to be associated to the articular surface of the component of the prosthesis device implanted in the first bone segment and a curved lower surface conforming to the articulation surface of the component of the prosthesis device able to be associated to the second bone segment.
- 16. A method, as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that said first bone segment is a distal segment of human tibia, and said second bone segment is a proximal segment of human talus.

Please add claims 17-20 as follows:

17. A prosthesis joint device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the first articular surface of said first component and the third articulate surface of said third

component complementary thereto are each shaped partly spherically with equal radii of curvature.

- 18. A prosthesis joint device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the second articular surface of said second component and the fourth articular surface of said third component complementary thereto are each partly anticlastic surface and have equal curvatures.
- 19. A prosthesis joint device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that said first and second component present wholly metallic construction, and said third component is wholly constructed of plastic material.
- 20. A method, as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the measurement of the gap between the cut of the first bone segment and the component of the prosthesis device of the second bone segment is performed by inserting an element with calibrated thickness having a planar upper surface able to be associated to the cut of the first bone segment and a curved lower surface conforming to the articulation surface of the component of the prosthesis device able to be associated to the second bone segment.

REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in better condition for examination.

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